ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!

City of Walnut Creek Secondhand Smoke Protections Law
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The City of Walnut Creek’s Secondhand Smoke Protections Law prohibits smoking, defined as use of lighted tobacco and use of electronic cigarettes (and other devices that combust, ignite or vaporize tobacco products) in specific areas within the City of Walnut Creek.

The Law Says:

No Smoking throughout the Pedestrian Retail District (core downtown)

No smoking within 25 feet of doors, operable windows, air ducts, and ventilation systems of any enclosed place of employment or enclosed places open to the public.

No Smoking in outdoor dining areas, restaurants, and outdoor lounges and dining areas at places of employment. Effective October 31, 2013.

No smoking in city-owned parks, trails and open space areas; in service areas (such as ATM lines, ticket lines, and bus stops); and at public events.

No smoking in any indoor workplace.

No smoking in all multi-unit housing residences, including common indoor and outdoor areas; within 25 feet of all buildings; balconies, decks, patios or carports of multi-unit housing residences. Effective January 29, 2013.

To Obey the Law, Business Owners, Managers, and Landlords MUST:

Post “No Smoking” signs visibly on every building or other place where smoking is regulated. Signs must include letters of not less than one inch in height and must use the international “No Smoking” symbol (a burning cigarette in a red circle with a red bar across it). The owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of the building or other place is responsible for posting this signage.

Multi-Unit Residences must post signage by January 29, 2014.

Notify tenants
Multi-Unit Resident Landlords must notify their tenants of the new restrictions by November 30, 2013.

Incorporate lease provisions stating that smoking is prohibited in the unit and a material breach of the lease agreement for all leases entered into, amended, or renewed on or after January 29, 2014.

If you break this law, you may be cited and have to pay a fine.

Need help?
Call City of Walnut Creek No Smoking Hotline
(925) 256-3535